PUBLIC NOTICE
(Provider Rate Freezes)

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the Medicaid State Plans for the purpose of continuing the Medicaid provider rate freeze. For SFY 2014 – SFY 2015, provider rates will be frozen at the rate in effect as of June 30, 2013, in accordance with Section 12H.13.(b) of Session Law 2013 – 360 as stated below.

SECTION 12H.13.(b) Effective July 1, 2013, any rate methodologies that contain an automatic inflationary or increase factor shall not increase above the rate in effect on June 30, 2013, unless the rate is otherwise increased by the General Assembly. Interim hospital outpatient services' percentage of cost used for payment shall be adjusted to compensate for expected inflation that hospitals would be eligible for, and cost settlement will only be up to the percentage in subsection (e) of this section. The following rates are excluded from this subsection: Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, critical access hospitals, State-Operated services, Hospice, Part B and D Premiums, third-party and HMO premiums, drugs, MCO capitation payments, and nursing home direct care services case mix index increases.

This amendment will become effective August 1, 2013.

The annual estimated state fiscal impact of this change is: a. SFY 2013-2014 $ 0
b. SFY 2014-2015 $ 0

A copy of the public notice may be viewed at the county department of social services. Questions, comments and requests for copies of the proposed State Plan amendment should be directed to the Division of Medical Assistance at the address listed below:

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